

## LAWYERS HERE BLAMED FOR CRIME

Sir Basil Thompson, Former  
Scotland Yard Chief, Tells  
of Impressions.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—I will not  
go so far as to say that the people  
of America are lawless, yet there are  
more crimes of certain classes com-  
mitted in the United States today  
than in any other nation.

This is not so much because the  
people as a whole are lawless, as be-  
cause there seems to be something  
in their blood which leads them to  
disregard the law and go to excesses.  
In large part, this is due to the  
legal system which exists here, to the  
jury system, to the failure, very  
often, to administer justice as sternly  
as should be the case, and to cer-  
tain lax laws.

**Crime More Widespread.**  
When I made my first visit to this  
country in 1892, the criminality was  
greater in certain sections of the  
West than in the East and in the  
South. Now I find these conditions  
have changed to a great extent. It  
is true such crimes as those com-  
mitted at Herrin, Ill., by the Ku Klux  
Klan and others in the South are  
Western and Southern crimes, but  
there is a very great percentage of  
crime also committed in the East and  
the Middle West.

In Chicago, a city of some 2,000,000  
inhabitants, for instance, according  
to the records of the American  
Bar Association, four murders are  
committed to every one in Canada,  
with a population of seven million.  
The records further show that 1 in  
every 12,000 persons is murdered in  
the United States, in England 1 in  
412,000.

Now, I do not regard this as due  
to the reaction following the world  
war. It is chiefly because so many  
persons whose guilt has been fully  
proven are often given sentences  
far too light and because delays  
serve to create a certain disregard  
for the law and a belief that com-  
paratively little, if any, punishment  
may follow the commission of crim-  
inal offenses.

**Juries Easily Moved.**

In addition, American juries, too,  
often allow themselves to be influ-  
enced through emotion, political in-  
fluence, sentimentality, a lack of ap-  
preciation of the responsibility which  
society imposes upon them or other  
causes, with the result that crim-  
inals do not fear severe punishment.  
Even if they are sentenced to long  
prison terms, they are often out on  
the law's delays and technicalities or the  
"softness" of juries that enable them  
to go free or receive comparatively  
light sentences upon second trials.

These views are not mine alone,  
but those of brilliant lawyers, mem-  
bers of the American Bar Associa-  
tion, who base their opinions on the  
legal records of this country.

There are those here who are in-  
clined to place much of the respon-  
sibility for existing criminality on  
the parents. I do not think parents  
are so much to blame as the too  
mild enforcement of the law. It is  
in the power of the people them-  
selves to rectify such evils.

**Is Optimistic.**

Notwithstanding the somewhat dis-  
courageing criminal conditions exist-  
ing throughout the country, I am  
optimistic. Human nature is human  
nature. It has been said that it can-  
not be changed, but history proves  
that it can be bettered.

I would not care to hazard what  
crime conditions may be in the United  
States or anywhere else 100 years  
from now. There may be, mean-  
while, some form of social cataclysm  
which will change present conditions  
greatly. We have seen what has  
happened in Russia, something no  
one six or seven years ago dreamed  
would be possible. We do not know  
what may be the social status in  
2023, but we know there are elevat-  
ing influences at work in society,  
in various forms whose object it is  
to make men and women better. And  
they are doing excellent work, even  
if it cannot prevent all crime.

Ever since the days of Adam and  
Eve human nature has led people to  
do wrong. As long as mankind ex-  
ists I suppose evil things will be  
done. So do not let us look for per-  
fection in men and women. If we  
do we shall seek not only the im-  
probable but the impossible.

**REPORTS DOG BIT HIM;**

**CLAIMED MAN BIT FIRST**

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 29.—  
Cincinnati police and health de-  
partment officials are wondering  
whether to believe the story told  
them by the owner of a dog who  
reported that he had been bitten  
while playing with the animal, or to  
rely on the report of an investi-  
gation made by Mounted Patrol-  
man Robert White.

White reported that, according  
to his information, the owner bit  
the dog first, lacerating the canine's  
ear. The dog, angered by the un-  
suspected attack, flew at his owner  
and bit his nose. The owner of  
the dog said that he had been on  
the floor of his home when the  
animal attacked him. He struggled  
with the dog, scratching its shoul-  
ders in fighting it off, he said.  
"I do not know the merits of this  
case as yet," said Health Officer  
R. B. Blume, "but I do know that  
it is unhealthy for a man to bite  
a dog. In the meantime, I will  
withhold all names."

**FAMED WAR DOG IS**

**SICK NOW IN POUND**

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—  
"Buster," a homesick police dog,  
who served with the Twenty-eighth  
division overseas in the world war  
and lived through an attack by tear  
gas, is fighting blindness in the city  
dog pound here.

He had a cataract of the left eye,  
which William Shingle, a veterinar-  
ian, is trying to cure. According to  
Shingle, the family that owned the  
dog sent it to the pound when it  
became cross with the children.  
Any one who will pay the board  
and lodging of "Buster" can have  
him after the eye is cured, which  
should be in about ten days, Shingle  
said.

## Book on Pheasants Completed at \$400,000

LONDON, Dec. 29.—The  
fourth volume of the Mono-  
graph, "pheasants," by Wil-  
liam Beebe, of New York,  
probably the most expensive  
book ever published was com-  
pleted here today.

Eight years were occupied in  
collecting the material by ex-  
peditions of Ornithologists,  
artists and photographers, fin-  
anced by A. R. Kuerer, of the  
New York Zoological society.  
The total cost of the four vol-  
umes is estimated at \$400,000.  
The edition is limited to 600  
copies.

## NEW DIMENSION IN MOVIE FILM

"Televue" Is New Instrument  
That Gives Depth to Mo-  
tion Pictures.

By CORINE RICH,  
By Universal Service.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The third  
dimension in motion pictures has  
come.

With my own two eyes I saw  
length, breadth and thickness on  
the screen in a New York theater  
tonight.

There they were, the actors walk-  
ing straight toward me and away  
from me out of the silver sheet  
and into it again. Once they perched  
on the brass rod around the bal-  
cony, where I was sitting.

The depth of a room, the distance  
between two persons, standing one  
behind the other, the projection of  
an arm beyond the curtain, were  
so distinct that I had to blink and  
look again to make sure.

Chasms in the Canadian Rockies  
yawned with awful realism and  
mountain heights reared into the  
sky with atmospheric effects back  
of them.

**The Televue Does It.**

And all through the latest im-  
provement on the pictures—the  
televue shown for the first time  
to the American public tonight.

The instrument is attached to  
each seat, so that every patron has  
his own televue. Its long arm  
looks like the flexible stem of a  
desk light. Where the bulb should  
be on the light is a disc about five  
inches in diameter, through the  
middle of which, horizontally, is in-  
serted a double glass of such size  
that when looked through it cov-  
ers the entire screen.

When a small electric motor is  
attached, a shuttle revolves between  
the two glasses so rapidly that it  
is not visible to the eye.

The shuttle makes it possible, it  
is claimed, for each eye in turn to  
view the screen as they would nor-  
mally look at a scene in the three  
dimensions.

**Principle of Stereoscopic.**

The televue harks back to the  
days of another generation when  
the young caller got down the fam-  
ily stereoscope from the what-not  
in the corner and whiled away Sun-  
day afternoon looking at Niagara  
frozen over days the wonder of mak-  
ing a picture solid instead of flat  
never failed to entertain. And to-  
day, applied to the movies, this  
same principle, as something new,  
bids fair to interest the public.

The televue is the invention of  
Laura Hamilton, of Cornell Uni-  
versity.

**FOUR ARRESTED AFTER**

**AGED WOMAN'S DEATH**

SALEM, W. Va., Dec. 29.—A  
charge of murder has been lodged  
against four young men, who are  
arrested at Salem, as the drivers of  
the automobile that struck and  
killed Mrs. Daiphine Mayer, aged  
seventy-five, of East Salem, near  
her home, but all have been re-  
leased under bond pending an in-  
vestigation of the tragedy.

They are Charles Paleur, a glass-  
worker; Harold Nicholson, a student  
at Salem College; Foster Trough,  
a glassworker; and Ingram Gauley,  
a school teacher of Big Isaac. Of-  
ficers are searching for Denell Wil-  
cox, who is said to have driven the  
car.

**BEATS WIFE FIFTH TIME,**

**GETS 30 DAYS IN JAIL**

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—John Wis-  
kowski, thirty-one, Hull avenue,  
Maspeth, Long Island, was sentenced  
to thirty days in Queens county  
workhouse by Magistrate Harry  
Miller in the Ridgewood, Queens,  
court yesterday after he had pleaded  
guilty to beating his wife, Mrs.  
Victoria Wiskowski.

It was the fifth time Wiskowski  
had been in court on the same  
charges.

**STATE TROOPER, IN DOUBT,**

**ARRESTS TWIN BROTHERS**

MARIETTA, Pa., Dec. 29.—State  
Trooper Goucher, of Lancaster, in  
order to secure the right man, had  
to arrest twin brothers, Jay and  
Ray Shields, for an alleged attack  
and robbery on Charles D. Wittick.  
In the office of Justice Zuch, Jay  
gave himself up and Ray was dis-  
charged. Roy Tracey, an alleged  
accomplice, also was arrested, and  
both are held without bail.

**MAJOR KIMBERLY VISITS**

**FATHER AT HAMPTON**

Major Allen Kimberly, a graduate  
of the Virginia Military Institute, a  
resident of Washington, D. C., and  
who will become military attache  
in Berlin, Germany, in January, is  
visiting his father, John B. Kim-  
berly in Hampton, Va., during the  
Christmas holidays.

## RECTOR'S WIFE TO SAIL FOR ITALY

Mrs. Hall Plans Three-Year  
Trip Abroad With Her Friend,  
Miss Peters.

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec.  
29.—Mrs. Frances Stevens Hall,  
widow of the Rev. Edward W. Hall,  
the murdered rector of the Church  
of St. John the Evangelist, will sail  
for Italy January 20 for a stay  
abroad that will last from one to

three years. She will be accom-  
panied by Miss Sallie Peters, her  
intimate friend, who acted as her  
buffer against the outside world  
during the months of investigation  
of her husband's murder.

The trip to Italy, which has long  
been rumored, was revealed as a  
definite fact yesterday when notice  
was served on all servants in the  
Hall household to seek other em-  
ployment by January 20.

William Stevens, brother of Mrs.  
Hall, says he plans to go to the  
South, where he will make his per-  
manent residence after his sister  
leaves.

Henry Stevens, also a brother of  
Mrs. Hall, said he plans to leave  
for South America soon for an in-  
definite stay.

**Sons of Jonadab "Watch."**

"Good speakers and plenty of  
amusement" are promised for the  
annual watch night services of the  
Independent Order, Sons of Jonadab,  
from 9 o'clock to midnight New  
Year Eve at Pythian Temple.

## Theory Of Evolution Holds Its Head Up Now

By Universal Service.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 29.—  
The scientific world is con-  
vinced of the truth of the evo-  
lution theory, it was strongly  
affirmed yesterday in a formal  
statement issued by the Council  
of the American Association for  
the Advancement of Science,  
whose convention began here  
with between 2,000 and 3,000 of  
the leading scientists of Amer-  
ica in attendance.

Denying that the theory of  
evolution was "a mere guess," the  
council asserted that it was  
thoroughly established and that  
there were no doubters among  
scientists of note.

## PARIS DICTATOR ANNOUNCES FASHIONS

Skirt to Be a Little Longer  
in 1923, Patou  
Reveals.

By JEAN PATOU,  
Paris Fashion Dictator.  
(Written Especially for International  
News Service.)

PARIS, Dec. 29.—Nineteen twenty-  
three will bring a little larger skirt  
for women. Straight tapers will be  
worn only by young girls. Women

will tire of the loose dresses and  
will pick models with more form  
than the clothes that have been  
shown during the past year.  
The line will be the question. The  
problem is to give the figure more  
fullness without changing the youth-  
ful and agreeable silhouette of the  
last years. The most fashionable  
fabrics of 1923 will be printed tis-  
sues, crepe de chine, mousseline,  
crepe georgette and satins in all  
colors.

It is certain that the fashionable  
gatherings of next summer will  
show a greater variety of colors  
than for years.

**SKATES FOR CHRISTMAS**

**LEADS BOY TO DEATH**

SISTERSVILLE, W. Va., Dec.  
29.—A new pair of skates, a Christ-  
mas gift, was so attractive to seven-  
teen-year-old John Bates, of Shirley,  
that he decided to try them out.  
He went to McElroy creek, but the  
ice was so thin he broke through  
and was drowned. The body was  
recovered.

## URGES REFORMS IN RULES FOR TRAFFIC

More uniform traffic regulations,  
written in plain, brief language,  
was urged for the protection of  
motorists by William F. Eise at  
a meeting of the subcommittee on  
traffic and safety of the public  
order committee of the Board of  
Trade. Tourists, he said, are being  
arrested for unintentional violation  
of the traffic laws under present  
conditions.

Discussion of a revision of the  
local traffic regulations brought out  
the statement that "the man to  
the right has the right of way,"  
rule is dangerous and a cause of  
traffic congestion at street inter-  
sections.

The subcommittee will make a  
complete study of the present traf-  
fic regulations in Washington for  
the purpose of establishing whether  
any of the recommendations made  
by the committee in the past years  
have been accepted and applied.  
W. Pearce Raynor is chairman.

# Woodward & Lothrop Down Stairs Store

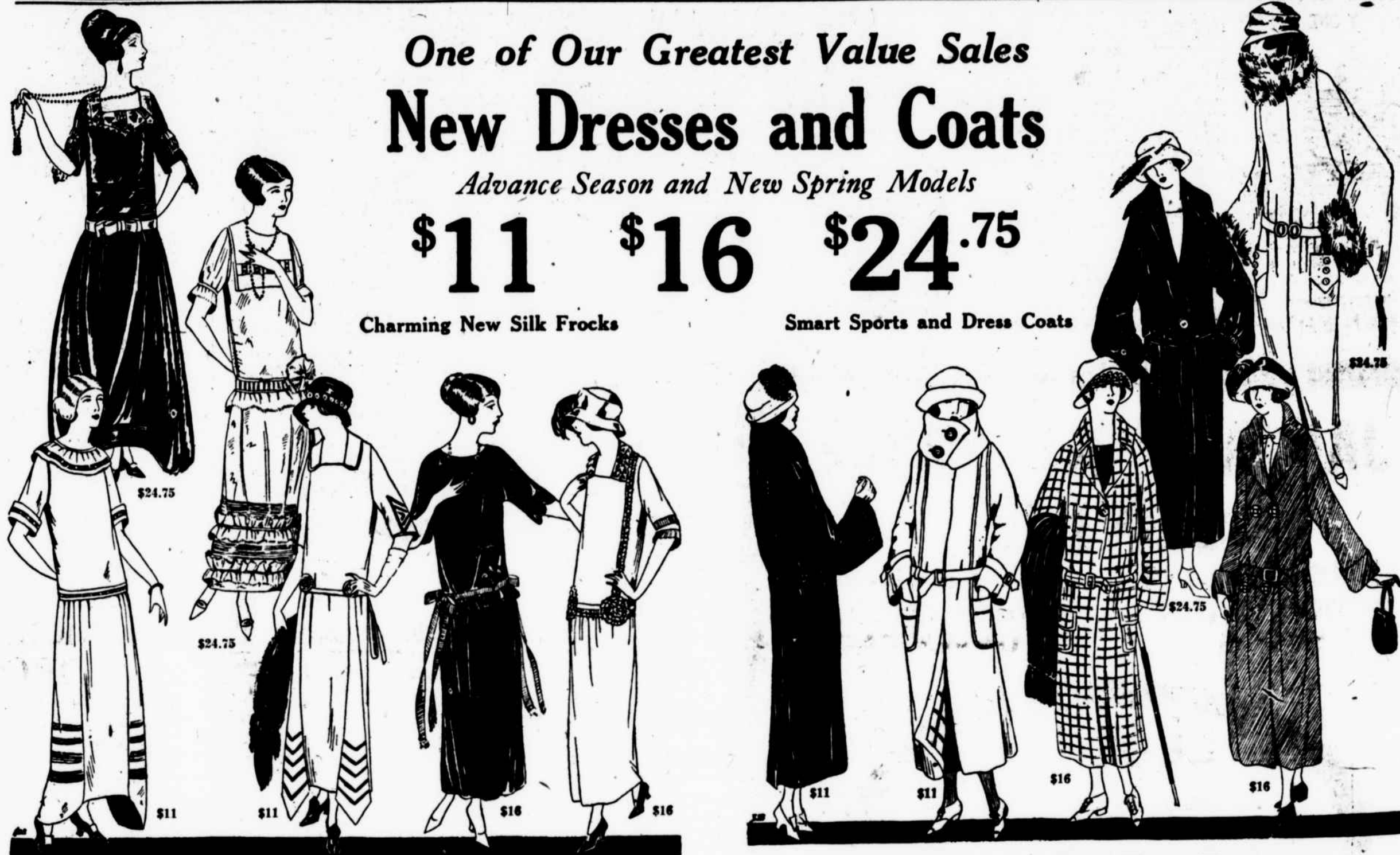
One of Our Greatest Value Sales  
**New Dresses and Coats**

Advance Season and New Spring Models

**\$11 \$16 \$24.75**

Charming New Silk Frocks

Smart Sports and Dress Coats



### Dresses Fashionably Becoming

Youthful taffetas and soft crepe de chins that feature the popular  
uneven hem line and the basque. Here and there a touch of  
embroidery or ribbon make them even more charming. **\$11**

Flat crepes in those lovely new spring shades: Almond green, deer  
and some tans combined with paisley. Navy and black cantons and taffetas.  
Ruffled panels, odd self material flowers and fruits are trim- **\$16**

Beautiful Afternoon Dresses of flat crepes, cantons, and chiffon taffetas.  
Full circular skirts, broken hem lines, basques and graceful **\$24.75**  
straight-line effects. Navy, brown, deer and black.

DOWN STAIRS STORE

### Coats Shown for First Time Tomorrow

Sports Coats, of all-wool double-faced polaire cloth, herringbone or wool  
mixtures. Smart styles with flare cuffs and swagger cut. Many **\$11**  
are full silk lined or half lined. Sizes 14 to 44.

Handsome models, of soft finish sports fabrics with new double inverted  
pleat at back; huge single button fastenings, flare cuffs and fash- **\$16**  
ionable large collars. Mannish lines that look so well.

Really Elegant Coats, of fine Normandies or Bolivias with high luster and  
deep pile. Self collars. Also Spring Sports Coats in the **\$24.75**  
new light shades of two-tone wool mixtures, silk lined.

### The New Spring Shades in Women's Sports Hose, \$1

Silk and wool heather mixtures lend themselves to  
the advance spring shades as

**Almond Green New Browns Fawn**  
Exceptional values and the most popular hosiery  
now. Slightly irregular. Sizes 8½ to 10.

DOWN STAIRS STORE

### Brushed Wool Slip-ons, \$3.95

Women's and misses' sweaters of soft, silken finish  
brushed wool, resembling the very high priced camel's  
hair sweaters in effect.

Fashionable buff, also brown and black. Made with  
round neckline and small plain-weave belts.

Dimity Hand-made

### Blouses, \$1.95

These dimities are the newest of the hand made  
and very lovely in their semi-tailoredness. Hand-  
drawn work or narrow finish of Irish crochet lace  
or tiny self loop edging for Peter Pan collars.  
Also dimities with tuxedo collars (not hand made)  
and a few sand-colored organdy tailored blouses,  
**\$1.95.**

DOWN STAIRS STORE

### Children's Specials

**Dr. Denton's Sleeping Garments**  
Much Below Regular Price

Because of slight imperfections which can scarcely be de-  
tected, we offer these well-known garments at great price re-  
ductions, as follows:

Sizes 1 to 2 **75c** Sizes 3 to 5 **85c** Sizes 6 to 8 **\$1**  
Sizes 9 and 10 **\$1.35** Sizes 12 to 14 **\$1.65**

\* Styles for boys and girls. Warm, fleece lined.

**Boys' Buster Brown Hose, 3 Pairs \$1**  
Black and brown ribbed hose, sturdy, well-wearing. Sizes 7  
to 12.

**Girls' All-Wool Coats, Special \$9.75**  
Loose or belted models in styles typical of youthful wearers.  
Self or fur collars. Well lined. Sizes 7 to 14 years.

**Sale of Girls' Gingham Dresses,  
\$1, \$1.65, \$1.95, \$2.95**

School dresses in plaids or checks. Many artistically em-  
brodered; the smaller sizes with bloomers. Sizes 6 to 14.

**Girls' Wool Coats, \$4**  
Silvelours in sizes 12 to 14 years.

**Wool Pleated Skirts, \$2.75**  
Box pleated. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

**Boys' All-Wool Mackinaws, Special \$8.75**  
Plaid Mackinaws that will endure rough wear. Warm, and  
just the type of coats boys themselves like. With large patch  
pockets.

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### Men's Shirts, Special, \$1.55

We have grouped a limited quantity of high-grade  
shirts, all perfect, but broken size range in the various  
styles.

**Russian Cords, Woven Madras, Poplins, Reys**  
Sizes 14 to 17 in the combined lot. On sale  
tomorrow.

**Pajamas, \$1.75**

A new shipment of  
men's flannelette paja-  
mas, all perfect make.  
Attractive stripes and  
with frog fastenings.

**Socks, 55c**

Silk-plaited Socks, the  
popular Reiss No. 500  
make. Brown, gray and  
navy. Sizes 9½ to  
11½.

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### Women's Low Footwear \$3.95

**New Styles in Pumps and Oxfords**

The low price is out of keeping with the quality  
and fashionable lasts of these, but the size range in  
each style is broken; you can find splendid values  
here.

New Sports Pumps of patent leather with gray suede.  
Patent Leather Pumps with large slit tongues.  
One or Two-strap Pumps of patent leather or kid.  
Patent Leather Oxfords with Cuban or military heels.  
Brown Calf Oxfords—some with rubber lift heels.

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